

INSPECTORS REPORT

WASTE LICENCE REGISTER NUMBER 150-1

Applicant: Clare County Council

Facility: Scarriff Civic Amenity Centre, Fossa Beg, Feakle Road, Scarriff, Co. Clare.

Inspector's Recommendation: The licence be granted subject to conditions.

(1) Introduction

The application is for an existing civic waste facility (opened since 1998) accepting a maximum of 1,000 tonnes per annum. The facility incorporates an enclosed hopper and compactor where mixed municipal waste is deposited. Wastes for recycling/recovery (e.g. glass, cans, waste oils) are deposited into a number of receptacles.

The facility is located on the outskirts of Scarriff town in east County Clare. A small stream flows along the eastern boundary of the facility and this stream joins the Scarriff River 50m downstream of the facility. This river subsequently flows into Lough Derg. The nearest residence is approximately 300m from the facility. FINSA Forest Products Ltd. (IPC Reg. No. 22) is located 150m due south of the facility.

Classes 12 and 13 of the Third Schedule and Classes 2, 3, 4, and 13 of the Fourth Schedule were applied for in the application. A fee waiver in respect of £5000 for the recovery of waste was granted to allow the continued growth of recovery activities at the facility. The disposal fee was paid.

Quantity of waste (tpa)	1000 tpa
Prescribed date for application	1/3/99
Application received	13/02/01 ^{Note 1}
Environmental Impact Statement Required	No
Number of Submissions Received	One

Note 1: It is an unauthorised activity.

FACILITY VISITS

Date	Observations	Personnel
05/03/01	Facility notice check (compliant) and visit.	Regina Campbell

Appendix 1 contains a Location drawing (Figure 2: Location Map 2) and a Site layout drawing (Dwg. No. 2, Rev. C) showing the significant features of the facility.

(2) Facility Development

The facility is well developed and managed at present. A hopper and compactor are in place and receptacles for the storage of recyclable/recoverable goods are present. A foul water treatment plant (comprising of a septic tank and percolation area) is in place

for the treatment of foul sewage from the office toilet and foul water from waste handling areas. Infrastructure required to be put in place include a waste quarantine area and a silt trap/oil separator in the surface water drainage system. There is no requirement for a weighbridge and wheelwash to be installed at the facility as part of the proposed decision. Waste for disposal will be weighed at the receiving landfill (currently Ballaghveny Landfill, North Tipperary). There is a requirement to keep records under Condition 10.2. All traffic movements are on hardstanding and good management should ensure a wheelwash is not required.

Potential nuisances are controlled by Condition 7.

The applicant requested that the waste licence be flexible in regard to opening hours at the facility and that they be able to operate the facility at various times from 8.00am to 8.00pm Monday to Saturday. Hours of waste acceptance are outlined in Condition 1.7 and these hours provide the flexibility required. At present the facility is open sixteen hours per week.

Condition 4.1 requires a proposal for a Decommissioning and Aftercare Plan for the facility to be submitted.

(3) Waste Types and Quantities

The facility is used by private vehicles only. No waste disposal contractors or local authority collection vehicles deliver waste to the facility. Non-hazardous waste accepted for compaction will consist of municipal waste (maximum of 900 tonnes per annum). Approximately 500 tonnes of waste was accepted for compaction in 2000. Compacted waste is transferred into a 30m³ steel container and transferred off site for disposal at landfill. Wastes for recycling/recovery at present include glass bottles, beverage cans, textiles, waste oils, fluorescent light bulbs, batteries and white goods.

(4) Emissions to Air

Dust monitoring requirements are established under Condition 8.1 and emission limits are set under Schedule C.

Due to the nature of activities at the facility, the limited opening hours and information received as part of the application, I consider it is not necessary to require noise monitoring at the facility. However, Condition 6.3 requires that there be no clearly audible tonal component or impulsive component in the noise emissions from the activity at any noise sensitive location. Condition 8.2 allows for increased monitoring (such as noise monitoring) if required.

(5) Emissions to Groundwater

All waste transfer operations will be carried out on a hardstanding area. No fuel is currently stored at the facility. If in the future fuel does need to be stored at the facility, then this storage area will have to be bunded as required under Schedule B.

(6) Emissions to surface water

Analysis of the stream adjacent to the facility indicates that water quality is good and that the facility is having no impact on it. Surface water run-off from hardstanding areas where waste is stored or handled is required to be diverted to a foul water treatment plant.

(7) Other Significant Environmental Impacts

None.

(8) Waste Management, Air Quality and Water Quality Management Plans

This facility is referred to in the Waste Management Plan for the Limerick/Clare/Kerry region which was adopted by Clare County Council in June 2000.

(9) Submissions

One valid submission was made in relation to this application as set out below.

1. Catherine Buchanan, Countryside Protection Unit, Duchas, 7 Ely Place, Dublin 2.

The letter states that they have no objections to the granting of this licence.

Response

These comments are noted by the inspector.

(10) Reasons for the Recommendation

It is recommended that a licence be granted for Classes 12 and 13 of the Third Schedule and Classes 2, 3, 4 and 13 of the Fourth Schedule as applied for in the application.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Regina Campbell, Inspector.
Environmental Management and Planning.

APPENDIX 1
LOCATION & LAYOUT DRAWINGS